

tone based on calculating energy levels of the filtered signal, evaluating criteria using the calculated energy level, and producing a DTMF indicator if the criteria are met.

The present invention provides a method for detecting and elimination DTMF tones by filtering an incoming *packetized voice* signal through the notch filters to knock down the DTMF tones by analyzing the energy levels of the filtered signal to assess whether the incoming signal contains a DTMF tone.

In stark contrast, claim 20 of the copending application recites filtering the *TDM voice* traffic. TDM traffic is *not* packetized voice traffic. Accordingly, the combination of claims 20-25 of the '620 application still do not result in the claimed subject matter of claims 1, 3 and 12, as nothing in claims 20-25 teach or suggest the packetized voice filtering recited by the subject application because claims 20-25 are directed to filtering TDM voice traffic.

Therefore, claims 1, 3 and 12 *are not* obvious in view of the '620 application but are in fact patentably distinct from the claims of the '620 application for the reasons discussed above and the non-statutory obviousness type double patenting rejection should be withdrawn.

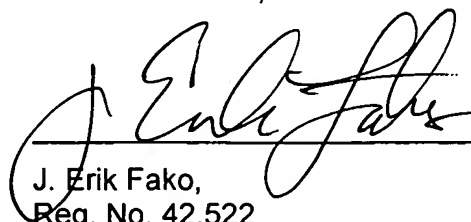
Claims 2, 4-11 and 12-18 depend from claims 1, 3 or 12, all allowable claims, and are therefore also allowable.

Each of the Examiner's rejections have been addressed or traversed. The Applicants assert that claims are now in condition for allowance. Early and favourable action is respectfully requested.

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